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SUBJECT: SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS GROUND STATION OPENS IN AZORES

1. ON DECEMBER 18, 1977 COMPANHIA PORTUGUESA RADIO MARCONI (CPRM), THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT OWNED TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK, INNAUGURATED SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN THE AZORES AND CONTINENTAL PORTUGAL. THE NEW SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS GROUND INSTALLATION, BUILT AT A COST OF OVER FIVE MILLION DOLLARS BY CPRM WITH EXTENSIVE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE JAPANESE FIRM OF MITSUBISHI, IS LOCATED ON SAO MIGUEL ISLAND OUTSIDE OF PONTA DELGADA.
2. THE NEW COMMUNICATIONS LINK GREATLY IMPROVES TELEVIISION, RADIO, TELEPHONE AND TELEX TRANSMISSION BETWEEN THE AZORES AND CONTINENTAL PORTUGAL. FOR EXAMPLE, BUSINESS HOUR TELEPHONE CALLS BETWEEN LISBON AND THE AZORES THAT ONCE TOOK HOURS AND EVEN DAYS TO PLACE, NOW MAY BE COMPLETED IN LESS THAN TEN MINUTES. TELEVISION PROGRAMS

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MAY NOW BE TRANSMITTED LIVE FROM THE CONTINENT TO THE ARCHIPELAGO, WITH EXCELLENT RECEPTION. RDP, THE GOVERNMENT RADIO NETWORK, HAS ALREADY INITIATED LENGTHY NEWS BROADCASTS DIRECT FROM LISBON.

3. WHILE PRAISING THE NEW TELECOMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM AS BRINGING THE AZORES CLOSER TO THE WORLD, SEVERAL REGIONAL NEWSPAPERS WROTE CRITICALLY THAT THE DIRECT RADIO LINK WOULD AFFORD THE SOCIALIST

PARTY A GREATLY ENHANCED POTENTIAL TO PROPOGATE ITS VIEWS IN THE
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